

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
February 27, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** All members were present.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:**

Mr. Hardaway referenced Approval of (2) “For Lease” banners requested by Tri-Lan Properties, Inc. to be installed on the building at the recently closed Staples store at Century Plaza. Mr. Pettit made motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hardaway referenced Approval of (1) “Industrial Space Available” banner to be installed on the building requested by Becknell Industrial. Mr. Pettit made motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hardaway acknowledges March is National Disabilities. Mr. Hardaway thanks all people that work and support these individuals.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated February 27, 2018. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2018. Ms. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**BUDGET & FINANCE:** Mr. Pettit had no report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mr. Minchuk referred to Mr. Spires for the Approval bid for the furnishing of (3) 2018 single axle dump trucks with snow removal equipment. Mr. Spires confirms 3 bids were received and opened at the last meeting and would like the Town Council to approve the max proposal. Mr. Minchuck made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Minchuk referred to Mr. Spires for the Approval bid for the furnishing of (2) 19,500 lb. payload dump trucks with snow removal equipment. Mr. Spires confirms 1 bid was received and opened at the last meeting and would like the Town Council to approve the proposal. Mr. Spann made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Minchuk referred to Mr. Spires for the Approval of the Grand Blvd. Community Crossing bid. Mr. Spires confirms bids were opened and read Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>. The bid was approved to the max proposal. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve with discussion. Seconded by Mr. Minchuk there was some discussion. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hardaway made mention of a large hole when traveling in the south bound lane near the rail road crossing on Madison Street. Mr. Hardaway would like residents and everyone to proceed with caution in addition to making the proper calls to having it repaired. Discussion followed.

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS:** Mrs. LaMarca had no report.

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:** Mrs. Barron had no report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Ms. LaMarca referred to Jan Orlich for a report. Ms. Orlich said the feasibility study is complete she will review the draft and have copies made and distribute them to the council for review. The Chicago Cubs v/s Pittsburgh Pirates game will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> bus will leave from the Pruzin Center. Ms. Orlich said the Summer Concert in the Park will be Friday, July 27th and announced the line-up of performers. The Blue Chip Casino trip will be Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Bunko will be added to the program schedule every second Thursday of the month, the Route 66 tour is leaving Thursday, May 31. Purdue Calumet will start a nutrition class providing free classes to anyone interested class will start Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> –April 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Orlich said Pruzin Hall rental is going well they are booked for March and partially for the months of April, May and June. Discussion followed.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

Mrs. Barron made a request for the Town Council to accept the Approval proposal for the furnishing of town wide collection and disposal of residential refuse and recycling. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the proposal and was seconded by Mr. Spann. Discussion followed. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Mr. Lake made mention of weather conditions which caused flooding. Mr. Lake encourages residents that were affected by the disaster to go to Indiana Department of Homeland Securities website to document any impacts. The hope is that county wide we get enough submittals that it's declared a Federal Disaster and FEMA comes in and provides Federal Relief Funds. Mr. Lake encourages residents to proceed with caution when removing items from their homes in addition to contacting Planning and Building for license contractors. Mr. Lake gave a report on areas that were affected in addition to providing residents with flood assistance reference guide with numbers and information.

**ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Mrs. Uzelac had no report. The Town of Merrillville recognized John Cicco's Menswear with a Commitment of Excellence Award for the most appealing facade for the month of February. Mr. Guernsey presented a plaque to John Cicco's Menswear in recognition of this honor.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Pettit had no report.

**UTILITY LIAISON:** Mr. Spann had no report.

**ABANDONED PROPERTIES:** President Hardaway had no report.

**GENERAL ORDERS:**

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

**Ord. 18- 01:**

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana recognizing the authority of the Merrillville Fire Protection Territory to seek reimbursement for fire, safety and rescue responses and hazardous material and environmental incidents. Ms. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

**Ord. 18-02:**

An Ordinance establishing permit fees and procedures for right of way entry within the town and repealing all town code sections and ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith, and all matters related thereto. Ms. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**BZA ACTIONS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting February 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Police Commission meeting, March 2, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Plan Commission workshop meeting, March 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Stormwater Management Board meeting, March 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Town Council meeting, March 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Barron made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.

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Richard Hardaway, President

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Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer